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For: ASSEMBLY FOR SECURING A)
CABLE SHEATH IN A CABLE)
RELEASE SYSTEM)
Inventor: Smith, Jr. et al.)
Examiner: Not yet assigned)
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Sir:

Applicant, by and through its attorneys of record, respectfully requests a report as to the status of the above-noted application. This application was filed over one year ago on October 1, 2003 and as of the date of this letter, an Office Action has not been received in this matter. The purpose of this letter is to ensure that an Office Action has not been misdirected in the mail. If an Office Action has not been forwarded, Applicant requests an estimate as to when it might expect an Office Action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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